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RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the performance of rural development schemes being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the shortcomings noticed in their implementation;

(c) whether the Government has received reports from the Monitoring Agencies regarding improper implementation of these schemes in some parts of the country;

(d) if so the details of such complaints; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (d): Review of rural development schemes/programmes is a continuous process. The purpose of such review meetings is to take stock of the implementation of various rural development schemes, exchange of experiences, difficulties at grass root level and their feasible solutions. In addition of programme-wise reviews held with the States, PRC meeting for all States was held at Delhi on 12-13 April, 2007 and regionwise meetings were held on 17th & 18th September, 2007 at Bhubaneshwar, 24th & 25th September, 2007 at Jaipur, 9th & 10th October, 2007 at Guwahati and again for all States on 17th & 18th January, 2008 at New Delhi. The Minister (RD) also held special review of implementation of NREGA at Lucknow and Mumbai. It was observed in these review meetings that due to shortage of staff and lack of training the programme implementation suffers. Secondly, the NE States face difficulties in providing State Share due to financial resource crunch in their respective States. Thirdly, unavoidable circumstances like natural calamities and election of political representatives etc. result in deleaying utilization of funds.

The performance of rural development programmes in most of the States was found to be satisfactory by the Monitoring Agencies as well as in the review meetings being conducted by the Ministry.

(e): The State Governments have been advised to take corrective measures for effective implementation of rural development programmes.